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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,267,235 issued November 30, 1993 to Thacker.
2. WO 99/40754 published August 12, 1999.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,996,019 issued November 30, 1999 to Hauser et al.
4. H. KIM et al., "A High-Speed ATM Switch Architecture Using Random Access Input Buffers and Multi-Cell-Time Arbitration", *IEEE*, Vol. 1, November 3, 1997, pp. 536-540.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

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